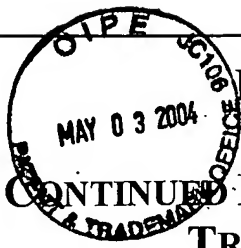


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Application Number	10/057,561
Confirmation Number	4657
Filing Date	January 29, 2002
First Named Inventor	Johnson CHUNG
Group Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	LILLING, H. J.
Matter Number	A8275
Title	MUTANT ACTINOSYNNEMA PRETIOSUM STRAIN WITH INCREASED MAYTANSINOID PRODUCTION

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all
required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any
overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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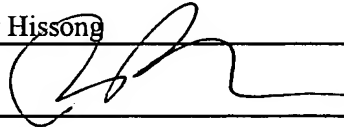
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PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2003.

Therein, the examiner set a three month period for the response.

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2003, Applicants filed an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and a Petition for a one month extension of time on December 10, 2003. Applicants then filed a Notice of Appeal, along with a Petition for a further two month extension of time on February 12, 2004.

As the Notice of Appeal was filed February 12, 2004, the next due date for response was April 12, 2004. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the due date for response to May 12, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages.